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SUBJECT: SWEDEN MARKS FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF TAKEOVER IN CHILE

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1. THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILITARY TAKEOVER IN CHILE WAS OBSERVED IN SWEDEN BY DEMONSTRATIONS INVOLVING 6,000 PERSONS IN STOCKHOLM AND 2,000 IN GOTEBOG, AS WELL AS IN A SPEECH BY FOREIGN MINISTER KARIN SODER.

2. RECALLING THE "BRUTAL MILITARY COUP" OF 1973, MRS. SODER SAID THAT "OUR WORST FEARS HAVE COME TRUE." SHE CONTINUED: "TODAY WE EXPRESS WITH UNDIMINISHED STRENGTH OUR ABHORRENCE OF THE OPPRESSION IN CHILE AND OUR SUPPORT FOR ITS VICTIMS. THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITHIN THE UN AND ELSEWHERE TO INSURE THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE AGAIN RESPECTED IN CHILE." SHE CALLED UPON THE PINOCHET GOVERNMENT TO ACCOUNT FOR THE MANY PERSONS "TAKEN AWAY BY DINA." NOTING THAT THE GOS HAS MADE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS IN UNCLASSIFIED

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SANTIAGO TO FORCE THE GOVERNMENT TO DIVULGE THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE MISSING. MRS. SODER CONCLUDED THAT SWEDEN HAS A RIGHT TO BE UPSET OVER THE MILITARY'S "PERSECUTION, TERROR AND TORTURE" AND THE INCREASINGLY POOR ECONOMIC SITUATION OF THE CHILEAN MASSES.

3. DEMONSTRATORS AND SPOKESMEN IN STOCKHOLM WENT

FURTHER THAN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES IN DEMANDING  
CONCRETE MEASURES AGAINST CHILE, ESPECIALLY A BOYCOTT  
OF THE UNLOADING OF CHILEAN GOODS IN SWEDISH PORTS.  
CRITICISM OF OFFICIAL SWEDISH CHARACTERIZATION OF  
GUERRILLA ORGANIZATIONS IN ARGENTIAN, CHILE, AND URUGUAY  
AS TERRORIST GROUPS WAS ALSO VOICED.

4. COMMENT: THIS YEAR'S ANNIVERSARY "CELEBRATIONS,"  
WHICH PRESAGE A WEEK OF OBSERVANCES ALL OVER SWEDEN,  
TESTIFY TO THE STRENGTH OF THE CHILE "LOBBY" IN SWEDEN.  
MORE THAN 3,000 CHILEAN POLITICAL EXILES NOW  
RESIDE IN THIS COUNTRY. THE FACT THAT MRS. SODER FELT IT  
IMPOLITIC TO LET THE DATE GO BY WITHOUT A PUBLIC CONDEMNATION  
OF THE JUNTA ALSO SHOWS THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WILL  
CONTINUE TO TAKE A STRONG PUBLIC POSITION, EVEN IF IT  
WILL PROBABLY RESIST CALLS FOR TOUGHER MEASURES PROPOSED  
BY ANTI-JUNTA GROUPS.  
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